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SUBJECT: LATVIA GENERALLY SYMPATHETIC TO US VIEWS ON  
ZIMBABWE

REF: A. STATE 33357

[1](#)B. STATE 34009

Classified By: Charge Phil Antweiler for Reason 1.4(d)

[1](#)1. (C) PolEconOff delivered reftels A and B points March 19 to Liga Rozeniece, Head of International Organizations Division at the MFA. Rozeniece responded that the GOL is aware of the situation in Zimbabwe and that the Latvian delegation in Geneva will discuss the issue today. Rozeniece stated that, overall, the Latvian position is that "the Government of Zimbabwe should act according to democratic principles" and that "the recent violence in the country is totally unacceptable."

2) (C) Rozeniece noted that the GOL will coordinate its policy with overall EU policy on the matter, and added that "the EU must go further to strengthen cooperation" on this issue. She promised to forward USG points to the Latvian delegation in Geneva and to suggest cooperation with the American delegation there.

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